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Blueberries from Woodland Farm in Glastonbury for sale under a Connecticut Grown pricing sign on Sunday at the Colchester Farmers' Market

CHANGES IN CONNECTICUT GROWN LAW TIGHTEN INTEGRITY, SCRUTINY OF PROGRAM

By Steve Jensen, Office of Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky

The Department of Agriculture is advising farmers, food producers and consumers of recent changes in state law that refine use of the Connecticut Grown brand and logo at farmers' markets.

As of October 1, all products sold at farmers' markets as Connecticut Grown must be accompanied by a sign that identifies the name and address of the farm or business where the product was grown or made.

Under the bill, which was passed unanimously by the General Assembly and signed into law earlier this month by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, Connecticut Grown signs at farmers' market must:

- be readily visible to consumers
- be at least three by five inches in size
- have lettering in a size, font, or print clearly and easily legible; and
- state something substantially similar to "THIS FARM PRODUCT IS CONNECTICUT-GROWN. THIS FARM PRODUCT WAS GROWN OR PRODUCED BY THE FOLLOWING PERSON OR BUSINESS: (name and address)."

The sign also must be "in the immediate proximity" of the offered product. The Connecticut Grown program was developed in 1986 to identify agricultural products grown in-state. Studies have

shown the brand to be readily identifiable in the marketplace and that consumers look to buy from Connecticut farmers.

It is also linked to the USDA's Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, which provides federal funding for lower-income residents to purchase Connecticut Grown produce and qualifying products sold at certified farmers' markets.

Those programs create an expectation that the use of the label and associated funds are in strict compliance with the law.

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said the change is intended to ensure the integrity of the Connecticut Grown brand, both for the benefit of consumers and producers.

"It's a matter of fairness and of truth-in-advertising," Reviczky said. "Consumers have the right to know what they are buying and ethical producers who play by the rules deserve to be protected from unfair competition by those looking to falsely use the Connecticut Grown label."

While fraudulent use of the label is not believed to widespread, Reviczky said the department typically receives numerous complaints per year about alleged deceptive practices. The changes in the law will be reflected in Connecticut Grown

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PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	99.00	104.50
boners 80-85% lean	97.00	104.00
lean 88-90% lean	90.00	97.50
CALVES graded bull		
No 1 110-130 lbs	495.00	510.00
No 1 95-100 lbs	485.00	500.00
No 1 80-90 lbs	525.00	550.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	151.50	153.00
Ch2-3	148.50	151.50
Sel1-3	144.50	148.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	139.00	140.00
Ch2-3	134.00	138.50
Sel1-2	127.00	132.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	147.50	151.50
Ch2-3	143.00	145.00
Sel1-2	138.00	141.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3		
50-60 lbs	230.00	230.00
60-80 lbs	180.00	200.00
80-90 lbs	195.00	210.00
90-110 lbs	181.00	195.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
90-110 lbs	106.00	106.00
120-160 lbs	92.00	118.00
160-200 lbs	107.00	107.00
BUCKS		
160-300 lbs	107.00	112.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.		
50-60 lbs	170.00	177.00
60-80 lbs	185.00	210.00
Nannies/Does:		
80-130 lbs	180.00	212.00
130-180 lbs	215.00	250.00
Bucks/Billies:		
100-150 lbs	240.00	260.00
150-250 lbs	285.00	340.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

52-56	200-250 lbs	55.00	58.00
	250-300 lbs	53.50	55.00
	300-350 lbs	51.00	53.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	50.00	54.00
	300-350 lbs	45.00	47.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	550-800 lbs	29.00	35.50
Boars	200-300 lbs	34.00	39.00
	400-750 lbs	7.00	8.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LB	14.00	14.00
BEANS, GREEN, HND PKD, BU	25.00	30.00
BEANS, WAX, HND PKD, BU	32.00	35.00
BEANS, GRN, MCH PKD, BU	24.00	26.00
BEANS, CRNBRY SHELL, BU	35.00	40.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LB	6.00	7.00
BEETS, GOLDEN, 25 LBS	22.00	22.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12-1 PT/LIDS	30.00	36.00
CABBAGE, GRN, MED/LGE, 50LB	10.00	12.00
CABBAGE, RED, MED, 50 LB	15.00	16.00
CHERRIES, 20 LBS	50.00	50.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4 -1 GAL	21.00	21.00
CORN, 5 DOZ	14.00	18.00
CUKES, SS, BU	22.00	25.00
CUKES, SELECT, BU	12.00	15.00
CUKES, PICKLING, 1/2 BU	18.00	20.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9 BU	20.00	22.00
KALE, 12 CT	12.00	12.00
LETTUCE, HYDROPONIC, 12 CT	15.00	15.00
LETTUCE, LF, GRN, 12 CT	12.00	13.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, 12 CT	12.00	13.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, 12 CT	13.00	14.00
PARSNIPS, 25LBS	24.00	30.00
PEACHES, 25 LBS	25.00	26.00
PEPPERS, BELL, GRN, 1-1/9 BU	20.00	22.00
PEPPERS, JALAPENO, 30 LB	22.00	26.00
PLUMS, METHLEY, 1/2 BU	25.00	25.00
RADISHES, 24 CT	12.00	12.00
RASPBERRIES, 12-1/2 PT, PULP	25.00	26.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 20 LB	26.00	28.00
SQUASH, YEL/GRN, FNCY, 1/2 BU	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, YEL/GRN, MED, 1/2 BU	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES, LGE, 20 LB	30.00	30.00
TOMATOES, MED, 25 LB	24.00	25.00

SHIPPED IN

APRICOTS, WA, 2LYR PK, 72	29.00	30.00
GRAPE, WHT, SDLS, CA, 19LB, #1	24.00	24.00
MUSHROOMS, SHITAKE, PA, 3LB	14.00	15.00
WTRMLN, SDLS MINI, NC, 8	16.00	16.00

USDA NORTHEAST RETAIL PORK

PER LB

WHOLE B/IN LOINS	1.97	1.97
LOIN ROAST	1.88	4.99
RIB END CHOPS, B/IN	1.88	2.49
SIRLOIN CHOPS, BNLS	1.88	2.99
TENDERLOIN, FRESH	2.98	5.99
BACKRIBS	2.99	4.99
PICNIC, FRESH, B/IN	.99	1.69
PORK STEAK	1.49	2.27
SPARERIBS	1.79	3.99
COUNTRY STYLE RIBS, BNLS	1.69	3.49
GROUND PORK	1.97	2.98
FEET	1.29	1.99
NECKBONES	1.29	1.69

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, July 20, 2015

Bob Calves:	LOW	HIGH
45-60 lbs.	115.00	130.00
61-75 lbs.	150.00	270.00
76-90 lbs.	470.00	475.00
91-105 lbs.	480.00	485.00
106 lbs. & up	490.00	495.00
Farm Calves	500.00	510.00
Starter Calves	110.00	150.00
Veal Calves	140.00	310.00
Open Heifers	125.00	170.00
Beef Heifers	126.00	131.00
Feeder Steers	145.00	195.00
Beef Steers	120.00	137.50
Stock Bulls	120.00	150.00
Beef Bulls	126.00	131.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	all @	.01
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	72.50	85.00
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Sheep	90.00	170.00
Lambs	60.00	240.00
Goats each	70.00	400.00
Kid Goats	55.00	135.00
Canners	up to	104.00
Cutters	105.00	108.00
Utility Grade Cows	109.00	111.00
Rabbits each	5.00	38.00
Chickens each	3.00	14.00
Ducks each	6.00	12.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDAPer doz. Grade A and Grade A white
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	2.12	2.30
LARGE	2.06	2.20
MEDIUM	1.66	1.79

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGSPer doz. Grade A brown in
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	2.25	2.35
LARGE	2.17	2.33
MEDIUM	1.80	2.03

PA FEEDER PIG SUMMARY

US #1-2		
20-30 lb	140.00	150.00
30-40 lb	110.00	150.00
40-50 lb	100.00	150.00
US #2-3		
20-30 lb	130.00	170.00
40-60 lb	140.00	175.00

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CHANGES COMING TO CONNECTICUT GROWN LAW**(Continued from Page 1)**

pricing signs issued free to growers and producers by the agriculture department. A space for the name and address of the farm or business will now be included on the 5-by-7-inch signs, which also bear the Connecticut Grown label and logo.

Producers also may make their own sign containing the required information.

The agriculture department's Bureau of Regulation and Inspection will enforce the new law by making unannounced visits to farmers' markets on a random basis, as well as in response to complaints.

The new law also increases the fine for violators from \$25 to \$100. Reviczky said first-time violators usually receive a warning.

"The goal here is not to prosecute people," he said. "It is to ensure that only products grown in Connecticut soil can carry the Connecticut Grown label that supports the hardworking farm families in our state. Unfortunately, the new law does not apply to farm stands or grocery stores."

Products grown or produced in Connecticut or within a 10-mile radius of the point of sale may be labeled as native, native-grown, local, or locally-grown, but are only subject to the new law if they are labeled Connecticut Grown.

At the Colchester Farmers' Market on Sunday, an informal survey of growers and producers found that most were not aware of the upcoming new requirements.

"I think maybe one percent of my vendors have heard about it," said Jessica Stone, market master in Colchester and at East Haddam's weekly farmers' market. "It's the busy season and most people aren't paying attention to anything except what they're growing and selling."

Stone, who with her fiancé Jeff Savitsky grows 300 acres of fruit and vegetables at their Cold Spring Farm in East Haddam, said communication with growers will be key to ensuring awareness and compliance with the new rules.

And while she says she has never had an incident of fraud at her markets, she acknowledged that it is "absolutely" an issue of concern around the state. She already addresses it by having growers and vendors list on their market application what products they plan to offer, and then checks the list against what is actually being sold as the season progresses.

"People who are shopping should know where what they are buying comes from," she said. "The customer should feel good about asking questions about that."

Stone said the new signs will require some adjustments in grower's practices, even in seemingly minor details like taking the time to fill out the new pricing signs.

Another grower at the Colchester market, Nancy Teveris, said she will likely buy an ink stamp bearing the name and address of her 35-acre South Glastonbury fruit orchard, Woodland Farm, to make the task easier.

Teveris said she strongly endorses the principles of honest disclosure behind the new law. Although it is not required until October, she already had some of her Connecticut Grown produce labeled with the name of her farm.

"We typically only sell what we grow ourselves so this certainly works for us," she said.

New pricing signs may be obtained by calling 860-713-2503, or through the following link to the agriculture department's website, [CTGrown.gov](http://www.ct.gov/doag):

http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/marketing_files/price_card_fillable_order_form.pdf

Complaints about use of the Connecticut Grown label may be directed to the Bureau of Regulation and Inspection at 860-713 2504.

This farm product was grown/produced by the following farm:

in _____ (Farm Name)
 _____ (Town), Connecticut.



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Above left: A new pricing sign being issued by the agriculture department to growers and producers. The sign reflects changes in the law regulating use of the Connecticut Grown brand at farmers' markets that go into effect Oct. 1, requiring the signs to contain the name and address of the farm or business where products are grown or made.

Below: The Colchester Farmers' Market last Sunday, where (left and above), growers were using a variety of older Connecticut Grown signs.



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